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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 1/6/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 15-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dominic Kotab on 2/28/06.

Claims 1 and 15 are amended as follows: (underlined text has been added)

1. A method for fabricating a magnetic head, comprising: creating a structure comprising: forming a first pole; forming a cap above the first pole, empty side regions being positioned laterally on opposite sides of the cap; filling the side regions with a fill material selected from a group consisting of a dielectric, a material susceptible to removal by reactive ion etching and a material susceptible to removal by milling; thereafter forming a dielectric gap layer above the cap and the fill material; forming a second pole above the gap layer; and milling the structure for creating a shoulder of the first pole tapering upwardly towards the cap.

15. A method for fabricating a magnetic head, comprising: forming a first pole; forming a cap above the first pole, removing opposite side regions of the cap; refilling the side regions with a fill material selected from a group consisting of a dielectric, a material susceptible to removal by reactive ion etching and a material susceptible to removal by milling; forming a gap layer above the cap independently of the refilling the side regions; forming a second pole above the gap layer; removing exposed portions of the gap layer; removing the material used to refill the side regions, thereby exposing peripheral regions of the cap; and milling the cap and the first pole for creating a shoulder of the first pole tapered upwardly towards the cap; wherein side edges of the second pole, gap layer, and cap are substantially vertically aligned after the milling.

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Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 1-9 and 15-18 are allowed.

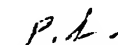
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberts Culbert whose telephone number is (571) 272-1433. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Parviz Hassanzadeh can be reached on (571) 272-1435. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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